

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Examiner Lewis A. Bullock, Jr. and Carina M. Tan participated in a telephonic interview on October 14, 2003.

During the interview, the participants discussed Claims 22, 47 and 53 and Claims 1, 26, 51, and 54. With respect to claims 22, 47, the Examiner suggested that the claims may be clarified by making the following amendments:

- 1) amending "at least one agent" to "at least one service-requesting agent";
- 2) amending "client agent" to "service-requesting agent";
- 3) amending "server agent" to service-providing agent";
- 4) adding the limitation, "wherein said facilitator agent is distinct from a service-providing agent."

Note that Claim 53 does not need any amendments because it describes the peer to peer request from a "service-requesting agent" to "service-providing agent."

With respect to Claims 1, 26, 51, and 54, the Examiner suggested that the claims may be clarified by amending them to expand on "using reasoning" for determining sub-goals based on the base goal, and wherein such sub-goal requests are not obtained by mere syntactic decomposition of the base goal. In other words reasoning is needed to determine the sub-goal requests because the sub-goal requests are not obtained by merely parsing the base goal. Also reasoning is needed to coordinate and schedule the tasks of the service providing agents who together fulfill the sub-goal requests in order to cooperatively achieve the base goal.